

JOY IN SARATOGA OVER SHOWING OF THOROUGHBREDS

Attendance at Track on Friday Largest in the History of Meeting.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Aug. 6.—With seven days of the Saratoga season gone the opinion is universal that this popular midsummer resort never had a greater vogue. The weather has been superb and the racing of a quality that would have been deemed impossible a twelvemonth ago, when there was an apparent shortage of thoroughbreds.

The importations from England and France, however, augmented by the best from the West and Southwest, have filled every stall both at the main course and Horse Haven until more than 1,200 head of the choicest breeding are here, and most of them will sport silk before the close of the meet-

The fact that Friday's attendance was the largest in the history of the association moved President Wilson to an expression of extreme satisfaction. "Who would think," said the hustling head of the organization, "that within five years after racing had received what many considered a deathblow that conditions such as we are enjoying to-day should exist? It is a remarkable tribute to racing and encourages us all to put forth greater efforts than ever before to keep it where it rightly belongs—in the forefront of the outdoor sports."

A Promising Programme.

While the sport furnished last week was of a high order the programme for the next six days should bring out the best performers in training, many of which were not asked to race until they had recovered from the journey here in the torrid weather which was general throughout the country ten days ago.

Those who shipped from Chicago say that the thermometer registered 110 in the cars and their horses were dripping with perspiration before the motion of the train brought relief. Saratoga salt and pure water has done the trick, however, and those animals which were jaded and enervated when they arrived were buck-jumping and playing in the sunshine yesterday.

Beginning to-day the stake feature will be the Delaware Handicap, a mile or so, with the money going upward. The event has a guaranteed cash value of \$2,500 and there is a strong entry list out of which should come a noteworthy contest. It has been won in the past by such good horses as Blues and Chuetanudin and by the late McDowell's smart mare Star Jasmine.

To-morrow the Troy, a selling event for two-year-olds, will be the feature. This is at five and a half furlongs and there is an abundance of good material engaged. Conspicuous in the list are the recent winners, Harry Kelly, Jack Scot, Katinka, Felicidad, Master McGrath, Steve, and the geld, Passing Faint. Straight Forward and Wishful. Of course the first named is out of place in a selling stake, and he will undoubtedly be an absentee, though stake horses have masqueraded as selling platers for many years.

Test for Two-Year-Olds.

The time-honored Flash Stakes, at five and one-half furlongs, for two-year-olds, is the stellar event for Wednesday, and practically every good youngster in the country is eligible for it. The race was first contested in 1869, when Francis Morris won it with Remorseless by American Eclipse. Tom Bowling, Sensation, George Kinney, Volante, Hamburg, Snysony and other giants of bygone days have also won it. This season's eligibles include Deer Trap, Ivory Black, Hollister, Ticket, Koh-I-Noor, Ultimatum, Harry Kelly, Bellringer, Hwa, Rickety and Campfire.

The smart three-year-old fillies will try conclusions in the Alabama Stakes at one mile and a furlong on Thursday. The crack Western filly Kathleen, winner of the Latonia Oaks, will meet Celandria, Lorac, Jacoba, Dorcas, Pleione, Hidden Star, Grasp, Lady Hillington and others.


The name of every good mare since 1872, when the stake was first decided, appears on the list of winners of this

stake. Chief among them are the original winner, Woodbine, which ran for August Belmont; Ferida, Glidella, Thora, Miss Woodford, Bella B., Sallie McClelland, Tradition, Running Water, Maskette, Flying Fairy and Water-blossom.

Friday's programme will have a strong card of over-night races and the Saratoga Amateur Cup at a mile. The

best of the gentlemen riders will sport
silk in this, and it should be an event
which will attract considerable atten-
tion.

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